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FOL LA PAZ 7778 SENT ACTION SECSTATE INFO LONDON BUREAU OF  
MINES WASHDC NOV. 4; REPEATED TO YOU QUOTE

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SUBJECT: BOLIVIA AND MALAYSIA STUDY JOINT POSITION IN ITC

BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED.

1. PRESS OF OCTOBER 31 REPORTS THAT MINISTER OF PLANNING JUAN  
LECHIN WHEN RECENTLY IN LONDON MET WITH MALAYSIAN DELEGATION  
OF ITC. AFTER REVIEWING PRESENT WORLD SITUATION REGARDING  
TIN, MINISTER PROPOSED TO MALAYSIAN AMBASSADOR THAT MALAYSIA  
AND BOLIVIA AS NUMBER ONE AND TWO WORLD TIN PRODUCERS SHOULD  
GET TOGETHER WITH OTHER PRODUCERS AND PRESENT JOINT POSITION  
TO DECEMBER 6 MEETING OF ITC THAT WOULD ACHIEVE A SOLUTION TO  
PRESENT SITUATION OF LOW TIN PRICES.

2. ONE OF PROPOSALS WILL BE TO INCREASE BUYING POWER OF BUFFER  
STOCK. PRODUCING COUNTRIES HAVE SO FAR CONTRIBUTED US\$ 27  
MILLION TO BUFFER STOCK OF WHICH BOLIVIA CONTRIBUTED ABOUT 19  
PERCENT. LECHIN SAID BOLIVIA WOULD HAVE TO OBTAIN A CREDIT

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TO MEET ITS OBLIGATION IF INCREASE IN BUFFER STOCK IS APPROVED,

BUT WAS DETERMINED TO DO SO IN SPITE OF HIGH INTEREST RATES  
BECAUSE MINING INDUSTRY IS IN SUCH DIFFICULTY. COMPARED  
TO 1974 BOLIVIA HAS RESTRICTED TIN EXPORTS BY 18 PERCENT.

3. REPORTEDLY, MALAYSIAN DELEGATION ACCEPTED BOLIVIAN  
POSITION IN PRINCIPLE AND WILL MEET WITH BOLIVIAN DELEGA-  
TION IN LONDON AGAIN BEFORE ITC MEETING TO CLARIFY JOINT  
POSITION WHICH WILL BE PRESENTED BY MALAYSIA. END UNCLASSIFIED.

4. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE. COMMENT. WELL-KNOWN  
BOLIVIAN WITH BOTH PRIVATE AND PUBLIC POSITIONS SAID MAIN  
PROPOSAL TO MALAYSIANS WAS TO DOUBLE CAPACITY OF BUFFEG  
STOCK FROM 20 TO 40 THOUSAND MT. PURPOSE IS TO TRY MAINTAIN  
MINIMUM PRICE OF 950 MALAYSIAN DOLLARS PER PICUL. REMAINDER  
OF DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN BOLIVIANS AND MALAYSIANS RELATED TO  
TACTICS PRODUCER NATIONS SHOULD USE TO GAIN ACCEPTANCE BY  
ITC. THEY ALSO HELD DISCUSSIONS ON EFFECTS OF QUOTA THAT WILL  
CERTAINLY HAVE TO BE IMPOSED FOR FIRST QUARTER 1976. FURTHER  
DISCUSSIONS WILL BE HELD BETWEEN BOLIVIAN AMBASSADOR IN  
LONDON (ALSO BOLIVIAN ITC REP) AND MALAYSIANS SINCE WITHOUT  
SUPPORT OF LATTER, ANY PROPOSAL IS UNLIKELY TO SUCCEED.  
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